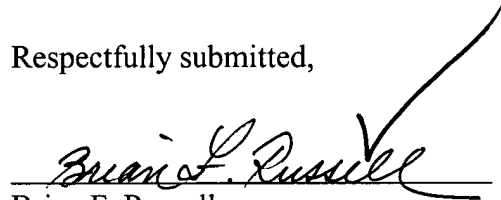


## REMARKS

In the present Supplemental Amendment, Applicant has proposed an amendment to Claim 9 to include the features formerly recited in Claim 18, which is canceled herein. In addition, Applicant has proposed an amendment to Claim 19 to adjust its dependency in view of the cancellation of Claim 18. Because the proposed amendments merely entail the incorporation of a feature recited in a dependent claim into the underlying independent claim, the proposed amendments to the claims do not raise any additional issues that would require further search are therefore believed to be proper following final rejection. The proposed amendments to the claims are further believed to place the claims in condition for allowance for the reasons set forth in Applicant's Amendment B with respect to Claims 18-19.

No additional fee is believed to be required; however, in the event any additional fees are required, please charge IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. **09-0456**.

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